

J.R.O.T.C. program to receive this prestigious award. As a senior at Burke High school, Mr. Polack rose to the rank of Major within J.R.O.T.C. program. This amazing accomplishment recognizes the progress of leadership skills and scholarly knowledge within military and academic achievements within our nation's college preparation programs.

Not only has he reached tremendous heights in the military preparation program, but he is also involved with actively volunteering at the Friedel Jewish Academy, National Honor Society, and a member of student council. This remarkable young man has set goals to attend West Point, the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and continue to participate in officer preparation courses at a higher level of education.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Jared Polack and the J.R.O.T.C. Mentors within Omaha Burke High School—J.R.O.T.C. on this achievement. They have set the standards high and have become a symbol for Nebraskans within the Junior Reserve Training Corps for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE K.
OSHITA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Steve K. Oshita—affectionately called Mr. O—who retired after 37 years of teaching math and science at Crocker Middle School in Hillsborough, California. Mr. O is no ordinary math and science teacher because his students learn about life and leadership.

He starts out his new classes by announcing that “respect is the very first thing we will learn in this class.” That is followed by his instruction that “body language is everything, students. If you are sitting up, you are ready to learn; if you slouch, you are not!”

Every student in his class sits up straight and is ready to learn. The respect is mutual. Mr. O is one of the most thoughtful and dedicated educators I have met. He gained the deepest respect of my two children whom he taught math, science and invaluable lessons for life. They remember him as personable, resolute, with a wonderful sense of humor and the gift of creating a great environment for learning.

In the Hillsborough community, Mr. O is known as one of the most beloved teachers at Crocker. Alumni often return just to visit with him. For one year he served as the Vice Principal, but that took too much time away from the classroom and he went back to teaching only.

Steve Oshita was born in San Francisco, California. His parents wanted him to become a dentist and he started his education at UC Berkeley in pre-medical technology, but his calling was science and he earned his degree in Biology and Entomology, the study of insects. He then earned his teaching credential at San Francisco State University and has been teaching ever since.

Not surprisingly, Mr. O married another Hillsborough teacher, Robyn Chamness. They met in 1986, married in 1995 and have two lovely children, Reid and Renee.

Mr. O loves to dress up at school events. A fan of Motown music, Saturday Night Fever and Miami Vice he has been spotted as John Travolta and Don Johnson. He is also an enthusiastic sports fan and enjoys SCUBA diving, basketball, tennis—religiously every Sunday—and the Giants.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Steve Oshita, a model educator who has inspired hundreds of children and set them on a path to lifelong learning and success.

TO RECOGNIZE THE 101ST ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE LADIES AUX-
ILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF
FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED
STATES

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on its 101st year of service. The organization honors military service and ensures that the history of America's veterans is preserved for future generations. Rallied behind National President Ann Pantekeakos's theme “Patriotism Begins at Home,” 500,000 members across the country, including those from the seven auxiliaries in my home district, work to maintain veterans' memorials, share veterans' history with the community, volunteer at veterans' hospitals, and provide scholarships to students recognizing patriotism through art and volunteerism. I congratulate the Ladies Auxiliary on its outstanding work and wish its members continued success as they serve our veterans and their families.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANNY
GLOVER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding actor, producer, humanitarian, activist and motivational speaker, Mr. Danny Glover. Mr. Glover was featured at a Health and Wellness Benefit on Friday, August 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Occasion Event Center in Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. Glover was born in San Francisco, California on July 22, 1946. He trained at the Black Actors' Workshop of the American Conservatory Theatre. His Broadway debut in Athol Fugard's Master Harold . . . and the Boys earned him national recognition and led director Robert Benton to cast him in his first leading role in 1984's Academy Award-nominated Best Picture, *Places in the Heart*. Mr. Glover then starred in two more Best Picture-nominated films, Peter Weir's *Witness* and Steven Spielberg's *The Color Purple*. In 1987, Mr. Glover partnered with Mel Gibson in the first *Lethal Weapon* film and went on to star in three hugely successful *Lethal Weapon* sequels. Throughout his career, he has starred in a multitude of films, including in *The Royal*

Tenenbaums; *Saw*; *Shooter*; *Death at a Funeral*; 2012; and the critically-acclaimed *Dreamgirls*.

Mr. Glover has also invested his talents in more personal projects including the award-winning *To Sleep With Anger*, which he executive produced and for which he won an Independent Spirit Award for Best Actor; as well as *Bopha!*; *Manderlay*; *Missing in America*; and the film version of Fugard's play *Boseman and Lena*. In 2005, Mr. Glover co-founded New-York based *Louverture Films*, a company dedicated to the development and production of films of historical relevance, social purpose, commercial value and artistic integrity.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Mr. Glover dedicates much of his time to community activism and philanthropic efforts, concentrating on advocacy for economic justice and access to health care and education programs in the United States and Africa. He served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program from 1998–2004, focusing on issues of poverty, disease and economic development in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. He currently serves as a UNICEF Ambassador.

Among his many recognitions and accolades, Mr. Glover was the recipient of a 2006 Director's Guild Award; 2011 “Pioneer Award” from the National Civil Rights Museum; and several NAACP Image Awards and CableACE Awards. He earned an Emmy nomination for his performance in the title role of the HBO *Movie Mandela*.

Mr. Glover has not only been a commanding presence on screen, stage, and television but also a driving force on the international stage for humanitarianism. Nelson Mandela once said, “For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.” Mr. Glover embodies this statement thoroughly, for in light of his enormous personal success, he continues to fight hard for the rights and freedoms of others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in recognizing Mr. Danny Glover for his remarkable accomplishments as an actor and for his unwavering courage, strong values, and an avid pursuit of equality and justice as a humanitarian.

HONORING THE CARREKER-JONES
FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, In the 1800's, the Carreker-Jones Family began with their oldest known family members in Talbotton, Talbot County, Georgia; since that time, they have blessed us with descendants across the country who have helped to shape and mold our nation; and

Whereas, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Carreker-Jones family; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Carreker-Jones